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FEAR OF WAR GROWS APACE

BIG NAVY MEYER'S AIM

Secretary Urges Increase of Establishment by Addition of 3 Battleships a Year

POINTS OUT NEED OF MANY OTHER CHANGES

Must Be Prepared To Meet All Corners, Declares Navy's Present Head

By C. S. ALBERT
(Associated Press Mail Correspondence to the Star-Bulletin.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—The United States must have a bigger navy and must be prepared to meet any chance of war in the opinion of Secretary Meyer of the Navy Department. In his annual report, made public today, Secretary Meyer pleads for three new battleships this year, and declares that this country will soon fall from second to fourth place in relative standing of naval powers, if it continues the policy of building only two ships each year.

International peace has been brought no nearer, the secretary declares, so far as a limitation of armaments is concerned. To guard its coast and protect its commercial activities, the United States needs a permanent navy of 41 capital ships—battleships and battle-cruisers—according to Secretary Meyer. The present strength of the navy in battleships is about 23, but 4 ships will soon be retired as obsolete.

Secretary Meyer's report is a recapitulation of the development of the navy during the past year, with few recommendations beyond those contained in his former reports. He gives chief emphasis to his recommendation that the navy be increased according to a program that will keep the nation in its present position among the world powers; and the suggestion that Congress remove the limit upon the amount of money that can be spent for aviation and permit the Navy to compete with like establishments of other nations in developing aerial methods of defense.

For the coming year the Secretary of the Navy urges that Congress appropriate money for three battleships of the Dreadnaught class and for two battle-cruisers, sixteen destroyers, six submarines, two gunboats, and a fleet of auxiliaries to include transports, supply ships, tugs.

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TEDDY STARTS "BULL MOOSE" CONVENTION

Progressive Leader Reaches Chicago to Attend Big Gathering of His Party to Lay Plans for the Campaign of the Coming Four Years

(Associated Press Cable)
CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt, former president of the United States, reached here today to attend the Bull Moose convention called for tomorrow and Wednesday. It is understood that plans for the campaign that the new party will wage during the next four years will be considered.

By C. S. ALBERT
(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 28.—The call of the untitled Bull Moose for a conference in Chicago December 10 and 11 has up to this time attracted but little attention. It is naturally expected that all the chief leaders of the new movement that rent the Republican party in twain and made Democratic victory at the polls inevitable will be present. The purpose is to map out a plan of education and organization for the ensuing four years in order that the Progressives may be in control in 1916 and select one of their number for the Presidential nomination. Although the announcement of the meeting has created no general interest there is no disposition to treat it as a joke or something to be taken lightly. The close call of Mr. Taft for the regular nomination and the unexpected wildfire spread of the Bull Moose movement have not been forgotten. It is also fully realized that history is always likely to repeat itself. It follows that the conference may be a matter of great moment and importance despite the slight tumbling of the political waves that is being produced thereby at present.

Just how many senators and representatives in Congress will attend is a subject of much speculation at present. Not many members of the national legislature joined the Progressive party during the recent campaign, and the results of the balloting about three weeks ago, it is said, have not helped in promoting much additional recruiting.

Senators Dixon of Montana and Poindexter of Washington are the only members of the upper house of Congress to make positive announcements of their allegiance to the Progressive cause. Mr. Dixon was Col. Roosevelt's campaign manager and Mr. Poindexter represents a state which elected two Progressives as representatives at large. Other "insurgent" Republican Senators have not declared themselves out of the Republican party and into the Progressive party. Senator Clapp of Minnesota has been expected to join it, but the fact that Senator Nelson, running as

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REMARKABLE SCENE SHOWING THE RELIGIOUS CHARACTER OF PRESENT WAR IN BALKANS



KISSING THE CROSS—King Ferdinand, chief of the United Armies of the Balkan states, at the Thanksgiving service in the church of Santa Maria, Stara Zagora. This most interesting religious service was held in the church of Santa Maria, the headquarters of the Bulgarian army. This was attended by King Ferdinand and his two sons, the Crown Prince Boris and Prince Cyril, together with their staffs and the greater part of the civil population. The King and the two Princes were received at the door of the church by the Metropolitan, vested in cloth-of-gold and with silver mitre. In Sofia, the cathedral and the churches were filled with worshippers carrying lighted candles, and the services—a "Te Deum" for the victory and a Requiem for the dead—continued throughout the night. In the drawing King Ferdinand is seen kissing the cross; near him are his sons.

EUROPE TREMBLES AT AUSTRIA'S ACT

London Alarmed Over Capture Of Serbian Supply Ship—Serbs Hurl Defiance. Warn Monarchy That Only By Complete Extermination Of Serbs Can She Win Her Way To Victory

Predicts Most Bitter Fight In History

Servian Newspapers Irritated by the Continued Massing of Austrian Troops Upon Their Country's Frontier—Believe That Dual Monarchy Desires War

(Special to the Star-Bulletin)

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 9.—The grim possibility of a general European war is again looming up, and the feeling of security which had begun to make itself felt has been dissipated by the seizure of a supply ship, destined for the Serbian army, by a warship of the Austrian navy. The fear is expressed here that this act on the part of Austria can hardly fail to bring about war in the already strained state of affairs in the Balkans.

AUSTRIA SEIZES SUPPLY SHIP

VIENNA, Austria, December 9.—The most intense excitement is manifest here over the report that the Austrian government has seized one of the supply ships loaded with provisions and ammunition for the Serbian army. It is taken by most of those in authority to mean that the government has decided to proceed to extremes at once, and that it feels itself strong enough to beat back any attacks which the Serbs and their allies may be able to make.

Dispatches from Belgrade are most alarming. The reported capture of a Serbian supply ship is taken by many responsible persons as the equivalent of a declaration of war, especially when considered in connection with the massing of Austrian troops upon the frontier, just across from Belgrade.

This accumulation of Austrian troops on the frontier has excited and irritated the Serbian newspapers ever since it began, and they have been demanding action on the part of their government for several days now. Not a few of the more conservative among them are asserting in their editorial sections that Austria means to attack as soon as possible, and warn the Dual Monarchy that the war, if it should come, will prove one of the most deadly in the history of the world, as well as one of the most bitter. Peace, they declare, can be maintained by the northern kingdom only, and they add that only by the complete extermination of the entire race of Servians can Austria hope to win a substantial victory.

ROUMANIA STIRRING RESTLESSLY

BUCHAREST, ROUMANIA, Dec. 9.—The long silence which Roumania has maintained during the fight of her sister Balkan states with the Turk, bids fair to be broken soon. The King today asked the parliament for subsidies for more troops, and it is probable that the legislature will do so at once.

Impute Rumor To Malice

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

NEW YORK, December 9.—This city was thrown into a panic today when the report that the Cunard liner Mauretania had been sunk off the Grand Banks, in a manner similar to that in which the ill-fated Titanic was lost. Wireless stations along the coast immediately got busy calling the big ship and soon had her answer that she was all right and steaming along her course toward New York without accident.

At the offices of the Cunard company here the receipt of the report was admitted and the answers sent here by the captain of the vessel shown as refutation. The origin of the rumor is laid by the company officials upon the shoulders of German rivals, and is declared to be a bit of pure spite work.

England To Increase Her Navy

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Winston Churchill, lord of the Admiralty today announced that the contributions which the colonies may make to the British naval fund will not make any difference in the amount of money the Admiralty will require from the country during the coming year. The imperial building plan will be carried out, and any contributions from the colonies will probably be used to build ships for service in the waters of the colony from which the funds come.

Recover Stolen Mailsack

SAN FRANCISCO, December 9.—A mail sack, stolen from the Shasta Limited on the night of November 8, has been recovered intact. The sack contained more than ten thousand dollars in drafts and a like amount of jewelry.

MUST INCREASE APPROPRIATION FOR MAHUKA LOT

Unless congress consents to make an appropriation larger by about \$100,000 than the sum at present authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Mahuka site cannot be purchased for the location of the proposed federal building in Honolulu. This much is made plain today with the testimony of valuation experts in the last of the Mahuka site condemnation

hearing in the U. S. district court. In the three hearings already held juries have decided that the owners of the various portions of the site are entitled to and shall receive not less than a total of \$250,000. The court of the Treasury authorized the district attorney here to proceed to condemn the Mahuka site and proceed to purchase it for a sum of not more than \$250,000. Of this authorized sum only \$93,430.18 will remain after the cases already decided, have been settled. The last portion of the site, however, still remains without a value fixed by court. It is the property occupied by E. O. Hall & Son, said to be the most valuable parcel of the entire lot, and the testimony of Expert R. R. Reidford this morning indicated that the balance from the amount author-

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CARTOONIST FIGURES AS HERO IN UNCONVENTIONAL RESCUE

Utterly ignoring the conventions, Cartoonist "Mike" Randall defied his clothes and jumped from the yacht Helene yesterday afternoon and pulled from the water Charlie Lill, one of the members of the crew.

A crowd of young people, of which Randall was a member, went down to Pearl Harbor yesterday early in the morning and went aboard the Helene, which craft was put under canvas and headed for Honolulu. During the trip some of the men climbed up to the gaff, and after they had come down, Charlie Lill, who has been taking care of the yacht Hawaii since the race, went up. As he started to come down, he slipped and fell to the deck, severely cutting the back of his neck and injuring his right leg and arm, before he rolled over into the water.

The Helene was under a big spread of canvas and was making good time, and as Lill fell overboard the fair members of the crowd screamed for the men, who were down below playing the phonograph. The men thought that it was a joke, but Randall came rushing upstairs, and knowing that Lill could not swim, discarded his bathing suit and

leaped into the water and started to swim after the man. By the time that Randall reached Lill, the boat was a long way off, and the sailor had already gone down twice, so the rescuing artist started to swim with him toward the boat, which had just commenced to swing about, and reached it after a short time.

It is not known just how badly Lill is hurt, but the injuries to his leg and arm are liable to prove serious. He was removed to the hospital.

BIRDS OF PREY TRAIL TOURISTS TO HAWAII NEI

Card playing ceased to be a popular form of amusement or method of whiling away the time during the greater part of the six day voyage of the Oceanic liner Sierra from San Francisco to Honolulu.

And this is why. Three professional gamblers, two men and a woman are declared to have traveled down from the Coast to the islands in the popular liner.

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SPRECKELS CASE UP FOR TRIAL IN LOCAL COURT

Law Brief of 2000 Printed Pages for Cooper to Digest

Honolulu is having its innings of the celebrated Spreckels will case, which involves property sold here within the past few months for an aggregate of some hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The contest of the will of the late Claus Spreckels has been decided several times in San Francisco, but the contestants are at it again and the sale of the Honolulu property has made occasion for having a whack at it here.

It is not the will itself that is under attack—it being acknowledged by the contestants as a perfectly good will—but the trust created under the will. To interpret the trust the will comes in for some construction.

A hearing of the matter was set for this afternoon before Judge Cooper. Counsel for the contestants, Prosser, Anderson & Marx, have received sundry volumes of briefs from San Francisco, aggregating one thousand pages or thereabout.

The Kaiser and Kaiserin of Germany attended the christening of the heir to the grand duchy. The ceremony was performed at Weimar.

MURDER STALKS COMPANY STREET

Private Gerken of F Company, First Infantry, Shot Down by Former Chum—Mystery Shrouds Cause of Shooting

Death, grim and sudden, stalked through the tented city of the First Infantry, at Schofield Barracks last night, claiming Private Henry Gerken, shot down in cold blood by his erstwhile chum and boon companion, Private William S. Hagemann. For some cause unknown to all but the victim and slayer, Friendship suddenly turned to bitter hatred, and Hagemann, lurking in wait in front of Gerken's tent, put three bullets from his revolver through the latter's stomach, as he lifted the tent flap and stepped into the company street.

The shooting, which occurred shortly before 7 o'clock last night, was witnessed by several soldiers who were lounging and talking in the street. Both men belonged to "F" Company, and it was in the precincts of that organization that the killing took place. The moment Gerken presented a fair target his former friend drew a revolver, and fired at point blank range. The stricken man dropped in his tracks, three of the shots having taken effect. Hagemann made no attempt to get away, or to make further trouble, and has since maintained a sullen silence.

A coroner's inquest is being held today at the scene of the tragedy, by Deputy Sheriff Oscar Cox, of Wailua, and it is expected that more de-

tails of the affair will come out at the hearing. The funeral of Gerken, who died at 7:30 last night, about half an hour after being struck, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock with the usual military honors. The body will be taken to Honolulu until relatives can be communicated with.

ANOTHER OFFICER HURT AT THE HURDLES

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Dec. 9.—Lieut. H. E. Groninger, Fifth Cavalry, suffered a serious injury on Saturday afternoon by reason of his horse falling at one of the hurdles on the steeplechase course. As the animal fell Lieut. Groninger was thrown off to the right of his mount and his left foot was caught in the stirrup and at the same time his spur became entangled in the girth. The lieutenant's left foot was thereby wrenched and nearly every bone dislocated.

His condition was such that he was transferred to the department hospital at Fort Shafter by motor ambulance (Continued on page 4)

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